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SUBJECT: SOVIET CLARIFICATION OF AUGUST 10 STATEMENT ON UNDER-  
GROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS

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1. IN MEETING WITH ROLAND TIMERBAYEV, DEPUTY CHIEF OF IO DIVISION, MFA, SEPTEMBER 9, EMBOFF ASKED INFORMALLY FOR CLARIFICATION OF SENTENCE IN SOVIET PRESS STATEMENT OF AUGUST 10 REGARDING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS (REFTEL). EMBOFF ASKED IF "NO EXPLOSIONS" REFERRED TO IN PENULTIMATE SENTENCE INCLUDED ONLY EXPLOSIONS COVERED BY TTBT, OR MIGHT PHRASE ALSO INCLUDE OTHER EXPLOSIONS. TIMERBAYEV SAID HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO CLARIFY OR OTHERWISE GO BEYOND AUGUST 10 STATEMENT, BUT THAT IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE ONLY TREATY REFERRED TO IN THE NOTE, AND THEREFORE, THE ONLY EXPLOSIONS INCLUDED, WOULD BE THOSE COVERED BY THE JULY 3, 1974 TTBT TREATY.

2. TIMERBAYEV THEN GAVE EMBOFF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE VERSION AND STATED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THAT THERE WAS ANY AMBIGUITY IN RUSSIAN TEXT. HE ALSO NOTED THAT SOVIET STATEMENT OF APRIL 2 WAS A COMMITMENT WHICH COULD ONLY APPLY TO THE 1974 TREATY, SINCE THE 1976 PNE AGREEMENT  
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HAD NOT BEEN CONCLUDED AT THAT TIME. THEREFORE, HE WAS

EVEN MORE FIRMLY OF OPINION THAT AUGUST 10 STATEMENT COULD  
ONLY REFER TO TTBT.

3. WE ARE POUCHING TO EUR/SOV RUSSIAN TEXT TIMERBAYEV  
GAVE US.  
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